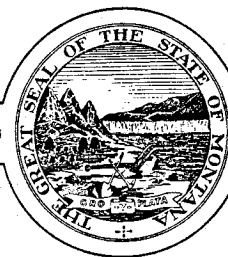


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May 5, 1988

Ken Reick
Columbia Falls Aluminum Company
P.O. Box 10
Columbia Falls, MT 59912

Dear Mr. Reick:

At the beginning of June, personnel from the Environmental Protection Agency and Ecology and Environment, Inc. (consultants for the EPA) will be conducting a CERCLA Site Investigation at your facility. The site investigation is pursuant to Section 104(b) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (42 V.S.C. 9603), and is necessary to determine if there is any potential hazard to the environment associated with historic disposal practices on the Columbia Falls Aluminum Company property. Water and soil samples will be collected, and groundwater monitoring wells will be installed.

We would like to conduct these activities in cooperation with you and request that you provide written access to your property for personnel from the Montana Department of Health and Environmental Sciences (MDHES), EPA, and Ecology and Environment, Inc. Your prompt response will be appreciated.

The EPA is coordinating this investigation and will notify you when specific dates have been selected. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Tom Harris - EPA (406)449-5415, or Karen Zackheim - MDHES (406)444-2821.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Duane Robertson".

Duane Robertson
Bureau Chief

DR/KZ/lh

cc: Tom Harris, EPA
Steve Yarbrough, E.&E.